

REMARKS

Claims 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 and 32 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-17 of copending Application No. 09/957,030 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,666,945 to Davenport.

Claims 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 and 32 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,837,244 in view of Davenport.

In response, the common Assignee submits herewith Terminal Disclaimers disclaiming the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of any patent granted on U.S. Application No. 09/957,030, or which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of U.S. Patent No. 6,837,244, to thereby obviate the foregoing obviousness-type double patenting rejections.

Withdrawal of the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

Withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of claims 1, 5, 6, 8-10, 12, 14-22, 24-28, 30 and 32 is earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may be helpful to advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No. 09/956,925

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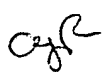
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